

whose death/disability is attributable to military service. Besides, a senior officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary has been designated as a liaison Officer in each Ministry/Department of the Govt of India charged *inter alia* with the responsibility of ensuring due compliance, by the appointing authority in the Ministries/Departments and Offices thereunder, of orders regarding the reservation of vacancies in favour of ex-Servicemen and extension of other benefits admissible to them.

Foreign Exchange to Students Going Abroad

379. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been releasing foreign exchange to students going

abroad for studies; and

(b) if so, the number of students who were allotted foreign exchange and the amount thereof per student during the years 1990 and 1991 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR) : (a) The Reserve Bank of India and selected branches of banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange have been releasing foreign exchange to students going abroad for higher studies on the basis of prescribed guidelines.

(b) Details of number of students who were allotted foreign exchange and the average amount of foreign exchange per student during 1990 and 1991 (January to August) are as under:

Year	Number of students	Total amount of foreign exchange allotted	Average amount released per student
1990	6,276	Rs 86.62 Crores	Rs 1.38 lakhs
1991 (January-August)	4,419	Rs 80.98 Crores	Rs 1.83 lakhs

New recruitment Zones for Armed Forces

380. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for setting up of new recruitment zones for the armed forces in the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Demands to open

more Recruitment Offices in different parts of the country are received, from time to time.

(b) Since the existing Zonal Recruiting Offices are adequately meeting the present requirements, it is not proposed to open new ZROs/BROs

Recruitment of Women in Defence Services

381. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: